

nine in Indiana wrestling history to have done so.

Having placed runner-up in the state final last year, Bryer is a true example that hard work and dedication pay off.

I congratulate Bryer, he has made the Sixth District proud.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES "JIM" E.
ALTY, SR.

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 1, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor James "Jim" E. Alty, Sr., a Vietnam hero and active member of the seacoast community, who passed in late January at the age of 86. Through both his military service and his subsequent community engagement, he is remembered as a shining example of American fortitude, ingenuity, and empathy.

While Jim worked at General Electric for 15 years, he also served his country for 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, which included two tours in Vietnam as part of the crash and rescue team, before retiring in 1973. In Vietnam, Jim's bases were frequently targeted by rocket and mortar attacks, which included the October 2, 1968 attack that left four airmen dead. Jim never forgot those he served with and honored them with a list of their names in his wallet.

In his retirement, he engaged heavily in community service. His involvement included membership on the Dover HUB Family Resource Board, an organization that provides family education services, as well as volunteered with local police and correctional departments on reentry projects.

Jim also advocated for veterans' health services as he was also familiar with the realities and struggles many face when returning from war and readjusting to life outside of combat. One of his proudest accomplishments was aiding in the opening of the new Somersworth VA Clinic in 2019. Jim also created the Dover veterans support group, Bets for Vets, and frequently transported fellow veterans from Manchester to Boston to ensure they received necessary counseling and medical treatment.

On behalf of all of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I share my condolences to Jim's sister and brothers, three children, five grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. As we recognize Mr. Alty, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring his rich life and legacy. May his memory be a blessing.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HAMBURG
MAYOR DANE WEINDORF

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 1, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mayor of Hamburg, Dane Alan Weindorf. He passed away at the age of 75 on Saturday, February 20, 2021,

leaving behind a community of friends and a legacy of hard work, sacrifice, and service.

After opening his first local grocery store in 1972, Mayor Weindorf grew his business to seven grocery stores in what came to be known as Joe and Dane Enterprises, or JADE's chain of stores. Weindorf retired with 30 years of service in the industry, which led to his desire to continue doing great things for his community. He was elected Mayor shortly after his retirement, and he worked on a variety of projects that led Hamburg to further success, such as renovations to city parks, the baseball park, and a new fire station.

Born on September 20, 1946, in Minnesota, Mayor Weindorf was one of six siblings. He and wife, Annette, of 38 years have two sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren, and seven grandchildren. With his passion for his large family and membership at First Baptist Church of Hamburg, Mayor Weindorf was known not just for his service, but also for his emphasis on personal relationships, friendship, and fellowship with his community.

I take this time today to honor the life of service exemplified by Mayor Weindorf. I thank him and his family for their dedication to our fellow citizens and our beloved Fourth District.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VICTIMS
OF THE BAKU AND SUMGAI T PO-
GROMS AND THE 2020 AZER-
BAIJANI ATTACKS ON ARTSAKH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 1, 2021

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 33rd Anniversary of the Sumgait pogrom and the 31st Anniversary of the Baku pogrom.

On February 27, 1988, hundreds of Armenian civilians living in the city of Sumgait in Azerbaijan were indiscriminately killed, raped, maimed, and even burned alive because of their ethnicity. Hostile, anti-Armenian rhetoric from Azerbaijani citizens and officials instigated this tragedy.

Similarly, on January 12, 1990, a seven-day pogrom broke out against the Armenian population in Baku during which Armenians were beaten, murdered, and expelled from the city. Over 90 Armenian civilians were killed, over 700 were injured, and countless others were permanently displaced by the ethnic violence that ensued.

For over three decades, Azerbaijan has taken steps to cover up these crimes against humanity and dismiss the atrocities at Sumgait and Baku. Even more disturbing, the Azeri government lauded the perpetrators of this event and similar violent attacks.

Tragically, the Azerbaijani government's approach toward Armenians has changed little since the Sumgait and Baku pogroms. We saw similar rhetoric right before Azerbaijan's attacks on Artsakh last fall. Azeri forces, Turkish drones, and Turkish-backed mercenaries conducted an indiscriminate bombing campaign against large population centers that killed thousands of Armenians and displaced tens of thousands more civilians. It also included appalling war crimes against Armenians at the hands of Azerbaijani forces and

foreign mercenaries that included beheadings, torture, and other abhorrent acts of violence.

I continue to stand with the Armenian people in condemning the horrific pogroms and in mourning the loss of those who were senselessly killed in the recent Artsakh attacks. It is critical for the United States to recognize and denounce violent assaults against any civilians. If we do not condemn or punish crimes against humanity and ethnic violence, we become passive bystanders, failing to live up to the lessons of the 20th Century and the rights of all human to live free from violence and persecution based on race, ethnicity, or religion. These lessons are especially important as we prepare to commemorate the 106th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in April.

I will continue to work with my colleagues on the Congressional Armenian Issues Caucus to honor the victims of the Baku and Sumgait pogroms and the recent victims of Azerbaijani aggressions in Artsakh. I will continue to condemn all acts of violence against people who are targeted simply because of who they are. I hope my colleagues will join me in rejecting violent rhetoric and intimidation. In doing so, we renew our commitment to achieving a lasting peace in the Caucasus.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 1, 2021

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 48.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2021

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1319. This \$1.9 trillion spending package is being considered without meaningful debate and without Republican input. While more than 200 Republican amendments were proposed, Democrats only accepted two.

I personally authored five commonsense amendments to improve government transparency and accountability, assist juvenile justice and foster care systems, and address concerns with standardized testing. All of them were unanimously rejected by Democrats.

We must take action to address the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic, but this bill does not address the concerns of everyday Americans. It addresses the desires of the Majority. It also does not address small business struggles. Instead, it adds more regulations on businesses already suffering from the pandemic.

Less than nine percent of the \$1.9 trillion authorized in this bill goes to defeating COVID-19. Under this package, taxpayers will have to finance the wish list of the Majority passed under the guise of relief.

Democrats' partisanship stands in the way of meaningful discussions about how to best